

Hello,

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their 62 stations to
air an anti-Kerry
"documentary" days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

This is of course
null and void if
they decide to air
something like
Fahrenheit 9/11 to
BALANCE their
mocumentary and
appear fair without
making it look like
a 90 minute TV time
donation to the RNC.

Sinclair uses the
PUBLIC airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control one in four
TV's connected to
the airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter.
Unfortunately, our
affiliate in Norfolk
does not even HAVE a
local news
broadcast. How is
this good for me and
my family???

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve

more than a returned
postcard.

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